



**SATURDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

**9 AM - 4:15 PM**

## FEATURING

### Vanessa Roeder



2023 Golden Sower Award  
Nominee for *The Box Turtle*

### Varian Johnson



2023 Golden Sower Award  
Nominee for *Twins*

### Ernesto Cisneros



2023 Golden Sower Award  
Nominee for *Efrén Divided*

**ALSO:** 2022-2023 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Jessie Roberts

Book Sales of Golden Sower nominees by  
Barnes & Noble 11:30-4:00 ONLY  
(20% discount for educators and librarians)

Sales of Golden Sower Items  
Autograph Session/Book Signing; Door Prizes

Continuing Education Hours from the Nebraska  
Library Commission for School & Public Librarians.

**NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**308 W PROSPECT AVE, NORFOLK**

### Get Your Tickets:

- > In advance at Norfolk Public Library
- > Online [www.norfolkne.gov/library](http://www.norfolkne.gov/library)
- > Mail Order (see next page)

For more information contact Karen Drevo at NPL by  
phone at 402.844.2108 or email at  
[kdrevo@norfolkne.gov](mailto:kdrevo@norfolkne.gov)

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 A.M.**

# 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 30th, 2022

## REGISTRATION/TICKET ORDER FORM

Meeting room temperatures may vary, so we suggest you wear layered clothing for your comfort.

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets you are ordering:

Student (18 and under/full time college student)	\$10.00 each	
Student (10-18) with a completed NPL summer reading record	FREE	
Adult (19+)	\$20.00 each	
Adult (19+) with a completed NPL summer reading record (Must be NPL cardholder signed up for 2022 Summer Reading Program and turn in completed reading record by Wed., July 27. Discounted tickets must be purchased in person at NPL.)	\$10.00 each	

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Lunch is on your own. A list of recommended places to eat will be available, or you are welcome to bring a lunch.**

Tickets are available:

- At Norfolk Public Library, in advance only
- Online at <https://www.norfolkne.gov/library>
- By mail order

To order by mail —

Send a completed registration form with full payment (write checks to “Norfolk Library Foundation—Literature Festival”) to:

### Literature Festival

Norfolk Public Library

308 W. Prospect Avenue

Norfolk, NE 68701

**Pick up your mail order and online tickets at the door the day of the event.**

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402-844-2108) or e-mail [kdrevo@norfolkne.gov](mailto:kdrevo@norfolkne.gov)





The Norfolk Library Foundation and the City of Norfolk have funded the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival.

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Norfolk Public Library,  
308 W Prospect Ave, Norfolk, NE.  
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

**CELL PHONES MUST BE SILENCED. NO AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING IS ALLOWED.**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Attend a workshop presented by Vanessa Roeder, Varian Johnson, or Ernesto Cisneros

**OR**

2023 GOLDEN SOWER PREVIEWS  
by Karen Drevo & Jessie Roberts  
of Norfolk Public Library.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Presentation by Varian Johnson  
2023 Golden Sower Award nominee for  
*Twins*

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

BREAK

**2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

BREAK

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Presentation by Vanessa Roeder  
2023 Golden Sower Award nominee for  
*The Box Turtle*

**2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

Presentation by Ernesto Cisneros  
2023 Golden Sower Award nominee for  
*Efrén Divided*

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

LUNCH (On your own)

**3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

DOOR PRIZES — Must be present to win!

**3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

AUTOGRAPH SESSION with authors

Barnes & Noble Book Sale OPEN 11:30-4:00

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Public & School Librarians who attend the full day can receive Continuing Education Hours from the Nebraska Library Commission.

# AUTHORS

## VANESSA ROEDER

Vanessa Roeder is an author and illustrator of several children's picture books including *Lucy and the String*, which was a 2018 Writers League of Texas Picture Book Awards Finalist. Vanessa lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband, three children, and two dogs who continually inspire ideas for her stories.

In the Golden Sower nominated *The Box Turtle*, Terrance is a turtle born without a shell, so he uses a cardboard box instead. Terrance loves his box. It keeps him dry on soggy days, safe from snooping strangers, and is big enough to cozy up with a friend. But when another turtle points out that Terrance's shell is, well, weird, he begins to wonder whether there might be a better shell out there...

Eventually, and through much trial and error, Terrance learns that there's nothing wrong with being different—especially when it comes to being yourself.

## VARIAN JOHNSON

Varian Johnson is the author of several novels for children and young adults, including *The Parker Inheritance*, which was a Coretta Scott King Honor Book and a Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor Book; *The Great Greene Heist*, an ALA Notable Children's book and *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book; and the graphic novel *Twins*, illustrated by Shannon Wright, an NPR Best Book.

Varian was born in Florence, South Carolina, and attended the University of Oklahoma, where he received a BS in Civil Engineering. He later received an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts, and is honored to now be a member of the faculty. Varian lives outside of Austin, TX with his family.

In the Golden Sower nominated *Twins*, Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends.

They participate in the same clubs, enjoy the same foods, and are partners on all their school projects. But just before the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran – a girl who wants to join the chorus, run for class president, and dress in fashionable outfits that set her apart from Maureen. A girl who seems happy to share only two classes with her sister! Maureen and Francine are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good?

## ERNESTO CISNEROS

Ernesto Cisneros is a 20-year veteran teacher currently serving the city of Santa Ana: the colorful but mostly dismissed section of Orange County, California. He teaches reading and writing to local students at an inner-city intermediate school.

Cisneros holds an English degree from the University of California, Irvine; a teaching credential from California State University, Long Beach; as well as a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from National University.

In the Golden Sower nominated *Efrén Divided*, Efrén Nava's Amá is his Superwoman—or Soperwoman, named after the delicious Mexican sopes his mother often prepares. Both Amá and Apá work hard all day to provide for the family, making sure Efrén and his younger siblings Max and Mía feel safe and loved.

But Efrén worries about his parents; although he's American-born, his parents are undocumented. His worst nightmare comes true one day when Amá doesn't return from work and is deported across the border to Tijuana, México.

Now more than ever, Efrén must channel his inner Soperboy to help take care of and try to reunite his family.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Norfolk Public Library's 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Literature Festival will**  
**be Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**